



Boxwood Broncos



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Principal's Message

The staff and students of Boxwood Public School would like to thank the many volunteers for the tremendous support we received this year. From the parents who accompany classes on field trips, read with our children and assist us daily, to those who assist in the library, and on the School Council, volunteers have continued the strong tradition of contributing to the overall success of our school. To express our appreciation for your ongoing support of Boxwood P.S., we will be holding a Volunteer Appreciation Get Together on Tuesday, June 11th from 10:00 —11:15am. More information to follow soon!

Our 2019/2020 school organization (classes that we will have next year) will be in our final June newsletter. When organizing for next year, our staff makes every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, number of boys and girls, and work habits. However, we must stress that the school organization *may be subject to change*. It is also important to note that as a small school, we have less options for classes. We do have a number of combined grade classrooms for next year. This is a common trend in smaller schools. Classes are based on how many students are enrolled in a school. As shared in our last newsletter, if you have any considerations for us regarding class placements (*not requests for specific teachers*) please email them to Mr. Prince (dane.lawrence-prince@yrdsb.ca).

At the end of the month, we will also have our EQAO testing for our grade 3 & 6 students. Our grade 3 students will write the assessment from May 22nd-24th. Our grade 6 students will write their assessment from May 28th-30th. This assessment evaluates the reading, writing and math skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 3 and 6. Each question on every EQAO assessment is based on the learning expectations set out in The Ontario Curriculum, which is what students are learning in classrooms every day. Since EQAO assessments are based entirely on The Ontario Curriculum, they do not require special preparation. Students can use the examples of the assessment materials released at www.eqao.com to become familiar with the format of the provincial assessments and the types of questions that will be asked. In classrooms, teachers have been going over past assessments and identifying what makes a good response. Results will be available in September of the next school year. **Students will receive EQAO's Individual Student Report directly from Boxwood. Just a reminder that while this assessment is important for us to gain valuable information regarding our students developing skills, we do not use these results for report cards.**

Thank you for your support,
Dane Prince
Principal

Our Boxwood Touchstone

At Boxwood, we are active participants in our own learning and we persevere to reach our goals. We recognize our own success and the successes of those around us. We are responsible for what we say and how we act. We treat others the way we want to be treated. We celebrate the diversity of our community. At Boxwood, every voice is heard.

Grade 8 Graduation

This year's graduation will take place on **Monday, June 24th**. Like the past few years, we will have our graduation ceremony, dinner, and dance at **Shangri-La Convention Centre**. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our graduates and their families!



School Council News

Our next School Council Meeting is this **Tuesday, May 21st**. We meet in our **library at 7:00pm**. We invite parents to join our meeting to discuss school matters. It is important for our school to have as many parent voices to ensure that we are servicing our school community well. Come and join our fabulous School Council Team!



EQAO TESTING FOR GRADE 3 & 6

All students in grades 3 and 6 will be participating in the 2017/2018 Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics this spring. Our grade 3 students will write their assessment on **May 22 to May 24**. Our grade 6 students will write their assessment on **May 28 to May 30**

Please avoid appointments during EQAO week!



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION NIGHT May 30th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

All parents/students who have registered for the Kindergarten program for 2019/2020 are invited to an orientation night on **Thursday, May 30th, 2019**. The purpose of the orientation is to support parents and students for success in starting their first year of school.



Yearbook Orders

It's that time of year again. The 2018-2019 Yearbook are well under way! The cost of the full colour 2018-2019 yearbook is \$34. Please order online through our School Cash Online System. **Orders are due in the office by no later than May 15th.**



WANT TO WIN?

The logo for Indigo, featuring the word "Indigo" in a white, bold, sans-serif font with an exclamation point at the start, set against a solid dark blue rectangular background.

Win 1 of 5 \$50 Gift Cards

YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH'S SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAM WANTS TO HEAR YOUR INPUT!

Tell us what your thoughts are on the Healthy Schools Program at your school by completing this 10 minute survey. Your responses will be anonymous and remain confidential.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students who belong to "healthy schools" perform better at school, achieve greater confidence, are involved in more leadership opportunities and are better connected to their school community.

[Click Here NOW!](#)

As a thank you for providing your input, you will have a chance to win 1 of 5 \$50 Chapters/Indigo gift cards for your class or school!

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The York Region logo, featuring a stylized white star or bird-like symbol above the text "York Region" in a white, serif font, all set against a dark blue background with a light blue wave-like shape behind it.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 Black History Month Writing Contest.



Tamil Award of Excellence

On April 30, 2019, the **Ukkamathu Kaivdale** Awards of Excellence were presented by ETSS (Educators for Tamil Students Success of YRDSB) in partnership with Inclusive School and Community Services of YRDSB, Markham Tamil Organization and Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada. This award is intended to recognize, promote and support Tamil students' success within York Region District Schools.

Shahana for Academics

Shahana is a well rounded student, as shown by her exceptional achievements both in academics and the arts. She works extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum, always looking to improve upon her work. She consistently takes Initiative and creates positive relationships with peers and staff.

Lavinia for Academics

Lavinia has proved to have an excellent work ethic and has shown perseverance in the face of challenges. She has worked hard to seek out and learn from feedback provided to her by both peers and teachers. She has made great strides in her academic achievement.



Winners of the Many Faces of Markham Writing Contest

Together, the City of Markham and the Markham Race Relations Committee together hosted the annual Many Faces of Markham event to promote the elimination of racial discrimination and in celebration of the community's ethno-cultural inclusiveness. Students across Markham were invited to participate in an art, video and writing competition, which were showcased at the event. The theme for 2019 is "Everyone Welcome" Empowering Markham Students as Emerging Champions in Equity. We had three winners from Boxwood that were presented with awards on Saturday, April 27th:

1st Prize: Riya Pathak, 2nd Prize: Karen Sandhu, 3rd Prize: Abi Akilan.

Congratulations to our three Boxwoodians!





Dates to Remember

May 2019

Monday	Tuesday MILK DAYS	Wednesday BOSTON PIZZA/ PARAMOUNT DAYS	Thursday MILK DAYS	Friday PIZZA DAYS
13 10:35am- Grade 6-8 Houseleague	14 Special Needs Track and Field 10:35am- Grade 6-8 Houseleague	15 Alectra Utilities Presentation <i>(Electrical Safety & Conservation)</i>	16 Special Needs Track and Field Rain date 11:05am- Grade 6 VIP 1:05pm- Badminton Club 1:05pm- Knitting Club	17 Junior Track & Field (Gr. 4-6) 1:05pm- Badminton Club
20 <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL</div>	21 10:35am- Grade 6-8 Houseleague 7:00pm- Boxwood School Council Meeting	22 10:35am- Grade 6-8 Houseleague 2:00pm- Grade 7 VIP	23 1:05pm- Badminton Club 1:05pm- Knitting Club	24
PRIMARY EQAO TESTING (GR. 3)				
27 <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">PRIMARY (GR. 3) EQAO TESTING CATCH UP DAY</div>	28 Jump Rope for Heart Event 10:35am- Grade 6-8 Houseleague	29 10:35am- Grade 6-8 Houseleague	30 1:05pm- Badminton Club 1:05pm- Knitting Club 6:30pm Welcome to Kindergarten	31 11:05am- Primary Char- acter Assembly 11:35am- Jr/Inter Char- acter Assembly
JUNIOR EQAO TESTING (GR. 6)				<div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">JUNIOR (GR. 6) EQAO TESTING CATCH UP DAY</div>
Bike to School Week				
3 <div style="background-color: #FFFF00; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">PA DAY No School</div>	4	5	6 Intermediate Track and Field (Gr. 7 &8)	7
<div style="background-color: #FFA500; padding: 20px; font-size: 48px; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 10px;">JUNE</div>				
10 Area Track & Field (for students that were selected from our Track & Field Day)	11 School Council Meeting (7:00pm) Volunteer Tea (10:00am)	12	13	14
<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upcoming Dates:</u></p> <p>June 24— Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony</p> <p>June 19—Regional Track & Field</p> <p>June 20— Kindergarten Graduation</p> <p>June 25— Boxwood Day of Play</p> </div>				